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Letter dated 6 August 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my report of 21 September 2001 (S/2001/886), in which I proposed, and the Security Council subsequently approved (S/PRST/2001/25), the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in the Central African Republic (BONUCA) for a period of one year, from 1 January to 31 December 2002.

Following consultations with the Government of the Central African Republic, during which the authorities requested the renewal of BONUCA's mandate, I wish hereby to propose an extension for an additional year, i.e., until 31 December 2003. This extension would enable the Office to continue to support the Central African Republic in its ongoing efforts to consolidate peace, promote national reconciliation, strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law, and lay solid foundations for sustainable peace and socio-economic progress in the face of daunting domestic challenges and a volatile subregional environment.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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